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## Wylie KCS Intermodal Facility Opens North-South Commerce

**Wylie, TX, Nov. 10, 2014** –Construction has begun on a 500-acre Kansas City Southern Railway intermodal facility in Wylie, a \$58-million-dollar project that will connect North Texas commerce from Mexico to Canada. A 250-acre light industrial park is planned for the south side of the facility, facing State Hwy. 78; this park has a minimum taxable value of \$313 million and more than 2 million square feet of developable space.

Wylie was incorporated in 1887 along the rights-of-way of the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway, and the city was named for Colonel W.D. Wylie, a Santa Fe Railroad official and Civil War veteran. With the construction of the intermodal facility, rail again plays a role in the city's future.

The KCS system has more than 6,000 track miles and provides the only north-south rail network in and out of Mexico. It services 12 Gulf ports and one Pacific Ocean port, as well as more than 140 trans-load centers and 11 intermodal ramps. It also provides 181 interchange points with other railroads, including all U.S. and Mexico Class I railroads.

Wylie's intermodal facility's Phase I, ground for which was broken in June, incorporates two 5,000-foot intermodal tracks, more than 1,500 parking spaces, mechanical tracks and a state-of-the-art automated gate system, with a projected completion date of mid-2015. Phase II plans include additional tracks, container parking and the industrial park.

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About Wylie – Incorporated in 1887, the City of Wylie is located just 24 miles from downtown Dallas in Collin, Dallas and Rockwall counties. Possessing an outstanding school district, a low crime rate, an ISO #1 rating and an expanding business climate, Wylie (population 44,158) is one of the fastest-growing communities in the State of Texas with a 192% increase since 2000.